

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621 *
October 21, 2019

Call to Order: Mr. Mike Upton, in the Chairman's absence, called the meeting to order. The meeting was held at the new Anderson Institute of Technology. Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell gave the invocation after which everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present: The following board members were present for the October 2019 meeting: Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Jim Haning, Mr. John Martin, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, Mr. Mike Upton, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

Board Members Absent: Mr. Mike Brock, Mr. David Draisen, and Mr. Nakia Davis were unable to attend.

Approval of Agenda: Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Brenda Bradberry seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes: Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell made a motion to approve the September 16, 2019 minutes and Dr. Gary Burgess seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the minutes were approved.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: No one from the media or public was present for public comment.

Alternative School Report: There are 98 students currently enrolled at the Alternative School, Mr. Nimmer reported, which is much higher than the 73 students enrolled at this time last year. Last month, at this point, there were 89 students enrolled. The back page of the report shows the students that have left the Alternative School and the reason why.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer let the Board members know that Mr. David Draisen's brother-in-law died after a long battle with cancer. He and his wife, Andrea, are in Boston for the funeral.

Mr. Nimmer noted the letter in the packets from Ms. Pamela Hassan, Director of Purchasing & Warehouse Services at District Five. The letter presents the final results of the recent auction held to liquidate some technology equipment. As per their policy and our request, they are providing this information to us.

The next letter in the packet is from District 3 requesting that we include them on the November meeting agenda to consider a bond issue for them. They would like to use some 8% money to make some improvements at Crescent High School. Mr. Matthew Moore, Chief Financial Officer, outlined the terms they are looking for and the amount. If there are any questions regarding this before the November meeting, please let Mr. Nimmer know and he will pass them to the district. That way Mr. Moore will come prepared with answers to the meeting.

Finally, Mr. Nimmer let everyone know that he had no further updates on the District Two situation and there has been no decision rendered by the Judge. Therefore, until there is a legal determination, the district is to continue operating under the temporary order issued in June which states no hiring or firing at the district level.

Financial

A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget: Mr. Nimmer reported on the year-to-date budget vs. actual expenditures stating it is still very early in the fiscal year. Between this report and the November report, you will see a tremendous increase in income as local ad valorem taxes are collected on real property. Right now, everything is right where it should be while still maintaining a small percentage ahead of where the Districts were last year at this time.

B. Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer mentioned at the last meeting that he hoped to have the new assessment totals reflecting the growth in real property, however, they did not get these totals closed out and posted in time. So, these totals will be reflected on the October report that will be presented at the November meeting. This month the assessment totals held right around the \$784,000 value of a mil county wide which has been fairly steady all year.

C. Education Sales & Use Tax: Mr. Nimmer referenced the sales tax report in the packets and said that, through the end of September county-wide, we have collected \$102,713,084.89. As a reminder, 20% of that total has been set aside for payment of existing debt that existed when the referendum was passed and that total is about \$21,000,000.00. This has been a significant impact on all the districts.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business:

A. ADM Accounts Payable

B. SFS Accounts Payable

Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rev. Rufus Mitchell and was followed by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Upton.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Gary Burgess, Secretary of the Anderson County Board of Education

This is a true and correct copy of notes taken at the meeting.

* This meeting was held at the Anderson Institute of Technology, 315 Pearman Dairy Road, Anderson, SC 29625. After the meeting, former Board Member Dana Grant was gracious enough to provide a tour of the new facility which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.